

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1970, Jim Soyer graduated from Northern State College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, with a bachelor of science degree in English; and,

Whereas, After a brief career start as a teacher in the Pierre and Watertown school systems, Jim transitioned into political and government service by helping his college roommate, David Volk, become the youngest statewide elected official in the nation in the 1972 elections; and,

Whereas, In the private and public sector, Jim has spent 33 years as a campaign manager, congressional field representative, editor, writer, advertising manager, press secretary, chief of staff, projects coordinator and legislative director for a variety of businesses and state leaders; and,

Whereas, Jim served a variety of South Dakota state leaders in numerous capacities, including David Volk, Larry Pressler, Governor William J. Janklow, Governor George S. Mickelson, Governor M. Michael Rounds, as well as Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson; and,

Whereas, Jim's diligent work with various administrations helped to bring Citibank to South Dakota, save the core railroad line, decrease property taxes, assist with wiring and integrating technology into schools, and start the state's Internet Crimes Against Children unit and the Amber Alert system; and,

Whereas, Jim is this year's distinguished alumnus of Northern State University and will be recognized at the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Banquet on September 30 during the 2005 Gypsy Day festivities, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize Jim for the many contributions he has made and continues to make for the progress of this state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2005, as

JIM SOYER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State